

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, lines 10-15, delete the paragraph beginning "Related Application Data."

On page 1, line 1, replace the paragraph beginning "This is a continuation application" with the following paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. [Serial] Application No. 09/375,514, filed August 17, 1999, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/080,285, filed May 18, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,040,181 on March 21, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/465,485, filed June 5, 1995 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,831,066 on November 3, 1998, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/124,256 filed September 20, 1993 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/840,716, filed February 21, 1992 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/288,692, filed December 22, 1988 (abandoned).

On page 8, line 4, replace the paragraph beginning "Figure 13" with the following paragraph:

Figure 13 shows optimization of antisense bcl-2 oligomer sequences using the oligonucleotides 5'-TCTCCCAGCGTGCGCCAT-3' (SEQ ID NO:17), 5'-TGCACTCACGCTCGGCCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:18), 5'-GCGCGGCGGGCGGGCGGGCA-3' (SEQ ID NO:26), 5'-GGGCGGAGGCCGGCCGGCGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:27), 5'-AGCGGCGGCGGCGGCAGCGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:28) and 5'-GGGCCGGGAAGGGCGCCCGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:29).